

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 80, as shown below. Please cancel Claims 81 and 82 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Note that all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of using at least two cards with a single reader which has a touch-sensitive transparent membrane, the method comprising the steps of: multiple smartcards with a single reader, wherein the method comprises;
initiating a session of an application when a first smartcard of the cards associated with the application is inserted into the reader;
maintaining ~~said~~ the session active when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and a second ~~smartcard associated with the first smartcard is to be inserted in the reader;~~ and of the cards is to be inserted into the reader, wherein the second card comprises printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and a memory having stored therein data associated with the indicia and the associated actions; performing an action when a said second smartcard is inserted in the reader:
transmitting data associated with an action corresponding to a selection of one of the indicia by a touch applied to the transparent membrane over the one of the indicia of the second card; and
performing the associated action corresponding to the transmitted data.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of initiating a ~~of said~~ session further comprises the steps of loading and executing the application.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of initiating a ~~of said~~ session further comprises the step of starting ~~of~~ an instance of the application, ~~which is already running.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said performing step further comprises the step ~~sub-step~~ of:

transmitting, upon insertion of the second ~~smartcard~~ card into the reader, data read from the second ~~smartcard~~ card to the ~~said~~ application.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said maintaining step further comprises the steps ~~sub-steps~~ of:

transmitting a message from the application to a ~~the~~ controlling program indicating that the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card is required to be inserted in the reader; and
waiting for ~~the~~ insertion of the second ~~smartcard~~ card in ~~said smartcard~~ the reader.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said maintaining step further comprises the step ~~sub-step~~ of:

terminating the session after a predetermined time if the second ~~smartcard~~
card has not been inserted in the reader.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
performing step further comprises the steps ~~sub-steps~~ of:

receiving a message from the ~~said smartcard~~ reader that a ~~smartcard~~ card has
been inserted;

determining whether the inserted ~~smartcard~~ card is the ~~a said~~ second
~~smartcard~~ card; and

transmitting, upon determination that the inserted ~~smartcard~~ card is ~~said~~ the
second ~~smart~~ card, data read from the second ~~smartcard~~ card to the ~~said~~ application.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
upon completion of said performing step, ~~a the~~ controlling program returns from a current
mode to a the first mode.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said
performing step further comprises the step ~~sub-step~~ of:

transmitting, upon insertion of another one of the ~~a further said second~~
~~smartcard~~ cards into the reader, data read from the ~~further second smartcard~~ other card to
the ~~said~~ application.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~terminating~~ maintaining step further comprises the step of:

terminating the ~~said~~ session, when a message has been received that the first ~~smartcard~~ card has been removed from the reader and no message has been received from the ~~said~~ session indicating that the ~~a~~ ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card is able to be inserted in the reader.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

initiating another ~~a further~~ session corresponding to a newly-inserted other ~~card~~ newly-inserted further smartcard associated with another ~~a further~~ application, when no message has been received from the ~~said~~ application associated with the ~~said~~ first ~~smartcard~~ card indicating the ~~newly-inserted smartcard~~ newly-inserted other card is able to be inserted in the ~~smartcard~~ reader.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each ~~said smartcard~~ of the cards has an identifier uniquely identifying the application.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein each ~~said smartcard~~ of the cards has an identifier uniquely identifying the application and said determining step determines the ~~said~~ inserted ~~smartcard~~ card by the ~~said~~ unique identifier.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the

said data is an address to a computer program.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising ~~wherein said method comprises~~ the step of:
executing the ~~said~~ computer program.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ~~said~~ data is for information purposes of the ~~said~~ application.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said initiating step further comprises the step ~~sub-steps~~ of:
automatically starting the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application is inserted into the reader and a ~~the~~ controlling program operating on a ~~said~~ processing device is in a ~~the~~ first mode.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said initiating step further comprises the steps ~~sub-steps~~ of:
starting the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is inserted in the ~~a~~ reader and a user ~~activates a button~~ selects an indicium on the first ~~smartcard~~ card and a ~~the~~ controlling program operating on ~~said~~ a processing device ~~is in~~ communicating with the reader is in a first mode.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said initiating step further comprises the steps ~~sub-steps~~ of:

reading an address of the application from the first ~~smartcard~~ card; and

loading and executing the application using the ~~said~~ address.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the ~~said~~ second ~~smartcards~~ cards comprises personal information data of a user and said performing step further comprises transferring the personal information ~~said~~ data to the ~~said~~ application.

21. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ application is a computer program game and the ~~said~~ first ~~smartcard~~ card comprises an address of the computer program game and the ~~a~~ ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card comprises data for use in that game.

22. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ application is a computer program game and the ~~said~~ first ~~smartcard~~ card comprises ~~comprises~~ an address of the computer program game and the ~~a~~ ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card comprises an address of a subsidiary computer program for use with the ~~said~~ computer program game.

23. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~a~~ ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card comprises business information data of a user and said

performing step further comprises transferring the business information ~~said~~ data to the ~~said~~ application.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a ~~smartcard~~ the card operates as the ~~a said~~ first ~~smartcard~~ card in one context and operates as the second ~~a smartcard~~ card in another context.

25. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the application is a card duplicating application and said performing step further comprises duplicating information from the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card acting as a source to another of the cards ~~said second smartcard~~ acting as a target.

26. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the application supports ~~the~~ browsing of content and ~~the~~ purchase and/or retrieval of all or parts of the ~~this~~ content, and said performing step further comprises ~~the~~ storing ~~of~~ the purchased and/or retrieved content on the ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card.

27. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first ~~smartcard~~ card comprises a memory chip and the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card comprises a magnetic strip.

28. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first ~~smartcard~~ card comprises a memory chip and ~~the a said second smartcard~~ card is a credit card.

29. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory of each of the cards has ~~one or more of said smartcards each comprise printed indicia thereon each corresponding with an associated action and a memory chip having stored therein locational data associated with the said indicia and corresponding commands for performing the said associated actions, said reader comprising a pressure sensitive membrane, and the method comprising the further steps of:~~

~~transmitting~~ transmitting the locational data and corresponding commands to ~~the a~~ processing device upon insertion of the ~~smartcard~~ card into the reader;

transmitting locational data associated with a selection of an ~~indicia~~ indicium by a user pressing the transparent membrane over the ~~indicia~~ indicium; and

performing ~~the said~~ associated action corresponding to ~~the said~~ transmitted locational data.

30. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 29, wherein one of ~~said one or more smartcards~~ the cards is ~~the said second smartcard~~ card and one of ~~the said~~ associated actions is ~~the said~~ action.

31. (Currently Amended) A system for using ~~multiple smartcards~~ at least two cards, wherein the system comprises:

said at least two cards;
a single card reader comprising a touch sensitive transparent membrane;
a processing device having a controlling program operating therein;
a communication device ~~communication means~~ for communicating between
~~said the~~ single card reader and ~~said processor;~~ the processing device to thereby transmit
data associated with an action resulting from a selection of one of the indicia by a user
touching the transparent membrane over the indicia of the card; and wherein said
controlling program comprises:

means for initiating a session of an application when a first smartcard of the
cards associated with the application is inserted into said the reader;

means for maintaining the said session active when the first smartcard card
is removed from said the reader and a second ~~smartcard associated with the first smartcard~~
~~is to be inserted in the reader;~~ and of the cards is to be inserted into said reader, wherein the
second card comprises printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an
associated action, and a memory having stored therein data associated with the indicia and
the associated actions; and ~~means for performing an action when a said second smartcard is~~
~~inserted in the reader.~~

means for performing the associated action corresponding to the transmitted
data when the second card is inserted into said reader.

32. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein
said means for initiating a ~~of said~~ session further comprises means for loading and
executing the application.

33. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said means for initiating ~~a~~ of said session further comprises means for starting ~~of~~ an instance of the application, ~~which is already running.~~

34. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said performing means further comprises:

means for transmitting, upon insertion of the second ~~smartcard~~ card into said ~~the~~ reader, data read from the second ~~smartcard~~ card to ~~the~~ said application.

35. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said maintaining means further comprises:

means for transmitting a message from the application to the controlling program indicating that ~~the a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card is required to be inserted in said ~~the~~ reader; and

means for waiting for the insertion of the second ~~smartcard~~ card in ~~the~~ said ~~smartcard~~ reader.

36. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said maintaining means further comprises:

means for terminating the session after a predetermined time if the second ~~smartcard~~ card has not been inserted in said ~~the~~ reader.

37. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the

performing means further comprises:

means for receiving a message from the said smartcard card reader that a smartcard card has been inserted;

means for determining whether the inserted smartcard card is the a said second smartcard card; and

means for transmitting, upon determination that the inserted smartcard card is the said second smart card, data read from the second smartcard card to the said application.

38. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein upon completion of the said action, the controlling program returns from a current mode to a the first mode.

39. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 34, wherein said performing means further comprises:
means for transmitting, upon insertion of another a further said second smartcard card into said the reader, data read from the other card further second smartcard to the said application.

40. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said terminating means further comprises:
means for terminating the said session, when a message has been received that the first smartcard card has been removed from said the reader and no message has

been received from the said session indicating the a said second smartcard card is able to be inserted in said the reader.

41. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the system comprises:

means for initiating another a further session corresponding to a newly-inserted other card newly inserted further smartcard associated with another a further application, when no message has been received from the said application associated with the said first smartcard card indicating the newly inserted smartcard newly-inserted other card is able to be inserted in the smartcard card reader.

42. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein each of the cards said smartcard has an identifier uniquely identifying an the application.

43. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 37, wherein each of the cards said smartcard has an identifier uniquely identifying the application and said determining means determines the said inserted smartcard card by the said unique identifier.

44. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 34, wherein the said data is an address to a computer program.

45. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 44, wherein said system further comprises:

means for executing the ~~said~~ computer program.

46. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 34, wherein the ~~said~~ data is for information purposes of the ~~said~~ application.

47. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said initiating means further comprises:

means for automatically starting the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application is inserted into said ~~the~~ reader and the controlling program operating on the ~~said~~ processing device is in a ~~the~~ first mode.

48. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said initiating means further comprises:

means for starting the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is inserted in the ~~a~~ reader and a user activates the indicium ~~a button~~ on the first ~~smartcard~~ card and the controlling program operating on the ~~said~~ processing device is in the ~~a~~ first mode.

49. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein said initiating means further comprises:

means for reading an address of the application from the first ~~smartcard~~
card; and

means for loading and executing the application using the said address.

50. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein one of ~~said second smartcards~~ the cards comprises personal information data of a user and said performing means further comprises means for transferring the personal information said data to the said application.

51. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the said application is a computer program game and the said first smartcard card comprises an address of the computer program game and the a said second smartcard card comprises data for use in the that game.

52. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the said application is a computer program game and the said first smartcard card comprises ~~comprises~~ an address of the computer program game and the a said second smartcard card comprises an address of a subsidiary computer program for use with the said computer program game.

53. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the a said second smartcard card comprises business information data of a user and said

performing means further comprises means for transferring the business information ~~said~~ data to the ~~said~~ application.

54. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein a ~~smartcard~~ card operates as the ~~a said~~ first ~~smartcard~~ card in one context and operates as the a second ~~smartcard~~ card in another context.

55. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the application is a card duplicating application and said performing means further comprises means for duplicating information from the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card acting as a source to another ~~said second smartcard~~ card acting as a target.

56. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the application supports ~~the~~ browsing of content and ~~the~~ purchase and/or retrieval of all or parts of the ~~this~~ content and said performing means further comprises means for ~~the~~ storing of the purchased and/or retrieved content on the ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card.

57. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the first ~~smartcard~~ card comprises a memory chip and the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card comprises a magnetic strip.

58. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the

first ~~smartcard~~ card comprises a memory chip and ~~the a-said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card is a credit card.

59. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 31, wherein ~~one~~ or more of said smartcards each comprise printed indicia thereon each corresponding with an associated action and a the memory is a chip having stored therein locational data associated with the said indicia and corresponding commands for performing the said associated actions, and wherein the communication device transmits said reader comprising a pressure sensitive membrane and the communication means transmitting the locational data and corresponding commands to the processing device upon insertion of one of the smartcard cards into said the reader and said the communication device transmits means transmitting locational data associated with a selection of an indicia by a user pressing touching the transparent membrane over the indicia, the processing device performing the said associated action corresponding to the said transmitted locational data.

60. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 59, wherein one of ~~said one or more smartcards~~ the cards is the said second ~~smartcard~~ card and one of the said associated actions is the said action.

61. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising a computer program for interfacing between an application and a single ~~smartcard~~ card reader, wherein the computer program comprises:

means for initiating a session of an application when a first ~~smartcard~~ card

associated with the application is inserted into the reader;

means for maintaining the said session active when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and a second smartcard card associated with the first smartcard card is to be inserted in the reader, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane; and

means for performing an action when the a-said second smartcard card is inserted in the reader, wherein the action results from at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

62. (Currently Amended) A method of interfacing between an application and a single smartcard card reader, wherein the method comprises:

initiating a session of an application when a first smartcard card associated with the application is inserted into the reader and a controlling program operating on a processing device is in a first mode;

terminating the session of the application when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and the controlling program operating on the said processing device is in the first mode;

changing the operation of the controlling program from the first mode to a second mode in response to a message from the session of the application that at least one ~~one or more~~ second card smartcards associated with the application is able to be inserted in

the reader;

waiting for the a-said second smartcard card associated with the application to be inserted in the reader when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode; and

passing data from the a-said second smartcard card to the application when the said second smartcard card is inserted in the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the data is passed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

63. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 62, wherein the passing data step further comprises the steps sub-steps of:

receiving a message from the said smartcard card reader that a smartcard card has been inserted;

determining whether the inserted smartcard card is the a-said second card; smartcard; and

transmitting, upon determination that the inserted smartcard card is the said second smart card, data read from the second smartcard card to the said application.

64. (Currently Amended) An Apparatus for interfacing between an application and a single smartcard card reader, wherein the apparatus comprising:
comprises:

means for initiating a session of an application when a first smartcard card associated with the application is inserted into the reader and a controlling program operating on a processing device is in a first mode;

means for terminating the session of the application when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and the controlling program operating on the said processing device is in the first mode;

means for changing the operation of the controlling program from the first mode to a second mode in response to a message from the session of the application that at least one one or more second card smartcards associated with the application is able to be inserted in the reader;

means for waiting for the a-said second smartcard card associated with the application to be inserted in the reader when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode; and

means for passing data from the a-said second smartcard card to the application when the said second smartcard card is inserted in the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the data is passed dependent

upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

65. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising a computer program for interfacing between an application and a single ~~smartcard~~ card reader, ~~said wherein the computer program comprising:~~ comprises:

means for initiating a session of an application when a first ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application is inserted into the reader and a controlling program operating on a processing device is in a first mode;

means for terminating the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is removed from the reader and the controlling program operating on the said processing device is in the first mode;

means for changing the operation of the controlling program from the first mode to a second mode in response to a message from the session of the application that at least one ~~one or more~~ second ~~card~~ smartcards associated with the application is able to be inserted in the reader;

means for waiting for ~~the a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application to be inserted in the reader when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is removed from the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode; and

means for passing data from ~~the a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card to the application when the ~~said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card is inserted in the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a

memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the data is passed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

66. (Currently Amended) A method of using multiple ~~smartcards~~ cards in a system comprising a processing device and a single card reader communicating therewith, ~~wherein the method comprising:~~ comprises:

initiating a session of an application when a first ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application is inserted into the reader and a controlling program operating on the ~~said~~ processing device is in a first mode;

terminating the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is removed from the reader and the controlling program operating on the ~~said~~ processing device is in the first mode;

changing the operation of the controlling program from the first mode to a second mode in response to a message from the session of the application that at least one ~~one or more~~ second ~~card smartcards~~ card smartcards associated with the application is able to be inserted in the reader;

waiting for the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application to be inserted in the reader when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is removed from the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode; and

performing an action when the ~~a said~~ second ~~smartcard~~ card is inserted in

the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the action is performed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

67. (Currently Amended) A system for using multiple ~~smartcards~~ cards, wherein the system comprises:

a single card reader;

a processing device having a controlling program operating therein;

communication means for communicating between said single card reader and said ~~processor~~ processing device, wherein said processing device comprises:

means for initiating a session of an application when a first ~~smartcard~~ card associated with the application is inserted into the reader and the controlling program operating on said processing device is in a first mode;

means for terminating the session of the application when the first ~~smartcard~~ card is removed from the reader and the controlling program operating on said processing device is in the first mode;

means for changing the operation of the controlling program from the first mode to a second mode in response to a message from the session of the application that at least one or more second ~~smartcards~~ card associated with the application is able to be

inserted in the reader;

means for waiting for the a said second smartcard card associated with the application to be inserted in the reader when the first smartcard card is removed from the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode; and

means for performing an action when the a said second smartcard card is inserted in the reader and the controlling program is in a second mode, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the action is performed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

68. (Currently Amended) A method of using multiple smartcards cards, aggregated into a lesser plurality of groups of the said smartcards cards, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) inserting a first smartcard card into a smartcard card reader;

(b) reading and storing, if the said first smartcard card is a base smartcard card (i) an identity for a group, (ii) an identity of the base smartcard card, (iii) an interface description for the base smartcard card, (iv) an identity for at least one associated member card, and (v) an interface description for said at least one associated member card;

(c) ejecting the first smartcard card from the smartcard card reader and inserting a second smartcard card therein, the said smartcard card reader making accessible

a user selectable icon, having an associated action, on a surface of the inserted second smartcard card;

(d) reading, if the said second inserted smartcard card is a member card associated with the said base smartcard of card: (i) the said identity of the said group, to which the said second inserted smartcard card is associated, and (ii) an identity of the inserted associated member smartcard card;

(e) comparing the group identity read from the first smartcard card to the group identity read from the second smartcard card; and

(f) enabling, because the said compared group identities match, the associated action if a user selects the user selectable icon, whereby the association between the icon and the action is defined by the interface description for the associated member smartcard card read and stored from the associated base smartcard card.

69. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 68, whereby if in step (c) the said second inserted smartcard card is a member card associated with another base smartcard card, the method comprises, after step (c), the steps of:

(g) reading by the smartcard card reader: of (i) an identity of a group to which the said second inserted smartcard card is associated, and (ii) an identity of the inserted member smartcard card;

(h) comparing the group identity read from the first smartcard card to the group identity read from the second smartcard card; and

(i) not enabling, because the said compared group identities do not match, the associated action if a user selects the user selectable icon.

70. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 68, whereby if in step (c) the said second inserted smartcard card is another said other-base smartcard card, the method reverts to step (b), regarding the said second inserted smartcard card as being the said first inserted smartcard card, as previously defined in step (a).

71. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 69, ~~whereby the method comprises the further~~ comprising the step of:

(j) emitting an alarm to the user, indicating that insertion of an incompatible member card has occurred.

72. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 68, wherein one or more of the said smartcards cards each comprise printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and a memory chip having stored therein locational data associated with the said indicia and corresponding commands for performing the said associated actions, the said reader comprising a pressure sensitive sensitive membrane, and the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting ~~transmitting~~ the locational data and corresponding commands to the processing device upon insertion of the smartcard card into the reader;

transmitting locational data associated with a selection of an indicia by a user pressing the transparent membrane over the indicia; and

performing the said associated action corresponding to the said transmitted locational data.

73. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 72, wherein one of the said one or more smartcards cards is the said second smartcard card and one of the said associated actions is the said action.

74. (Currently Amended) A method for enabling smartcard card initiated actions associated with a group of smartcards cards comprising a base smartcard card and at least one associated member smartcard card, said method comprising steps of:

- inserting the base smartcard card into a smartcard card reader;
- reading of base smartcard card data and first data for the associated member smartcard card from the inserted base smartcard card;
- inserting the member smartcard card into the smartcard card reader;
- reading of second data from the inserted member smartcard card; and
- enabling a smartcard card initiated action associated with the member smartcard card dependent upon a correspondence between the first data and the second data, wherein the base and member cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the enabled action can be performed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

75. (Currently Amended) An Apparatus for using multiple smartcards

cards, aggregated into a lesser plurality of groups of the said smartcards cards, said apparatus comprising:

means for reading and storing from a first smartcard card, if the said first smartcard card is a base smartcard card; card: (i) an identity for a group, (ii) an identity of the base smartcard card, (iii) an interface description for the base smartcard card, (iv) an identity for at least one associated member card, and (v) an interface description for the said at least one associated member card;

means for reading from a second smartcard card, if the said second smartcard card is a member card associated with the said base smartcard card; of card: (i) the said identity of the said group, to which the said second inserted smartcard card is associated, and (ii) an identity of the inserted associated member smartcard card;

means for comparing the group identity read from the first smartcard card to the group identity read from the second smartcard card; and

means for enabling an action associated with a user selectable icon, if the said compared group identities match, and if a user selects the said user selectable icon, whereby the association between the icon and the action is defined by the interface description for the associated member smartcard card read and stored from the associated base smartcard card.

76. (Currently Amended) An Apparatus for enabling smartcard card initiated actions associated with a group of smartcards cards comprising a base smartcard card and at least one associated member smartcard card, said apparatus comprising:

means for reading of base smartcard card data and first data for the said at

least one associated member ~~smartcard~~ form card from a base ~~smartcard~~ card inserted in a ~~smartcard~~ card reader;

means for reading ~~of~~ second data from a ~~said~~ member ~~smartcard~~ card inserted in a ~~smartcard~~ card reader; and

enabling a ~~smartcard~~ card initiated action associated with the member ~~smartcard~~ card dependent upon a correspondence between the first data and the second data, wherein the base and member cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicium corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the enabled action can be performed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

77. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising a computer program for interfacing between multiple ~~smartcards~~ cards, aggregated into a lesser plurality of groups of the said smartcards cards, said computer program comprising:

means for reading and storing from a first ~~smartcard~~ card, if the said first smartcard card is a base ~~smartcard~~ card; (i) an identity for a group, (ii) an identity of the base ~~smartcard~~ card, (iii) an interface description for the base ~~smartcard~~ card, (iv) an identity for at least one associated member card, and (v) an interface description for the said at least one associated member card;

means for reading from a second ~~smartcard~~ card, if the said second

smartcard card is a member card associated with the said base smartcard, of card: (i) the said identity of the said group, to which the said second inserted smartcard card is associated, and (ii) an identity of the inserted associated member smartcard card;

means for comparing the group identity read from the first smartcard card to the group identity read from the second smartcard card; and

means for enabling an action associated with a user selectable icon, if the said compared group identities match, and if a user selects the said user selectable icon, whereby the association between the icon and the action is defined by the interface description for the associated member smartcard card read and stored from the associated base smartcard card.

78. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising a computer program for interfacing between multiple smartcards cards, aggregated into a lesser plurality of groups of the said smartcards cards, said computer program comprising:

means for reading of base smartcard card data and first data for the said at least one associated member smartcard-form card from a base smartcard card inserted in a smartcard card reader;

means for reading of second data from a said member smartcard card inserted in a smartcard card reader; and

enabling a smartcard card initiated action associated with the member smartcard card dependent upon a correspondence between the first data and the second data, wherein the first and second cards each have (a) printed indicia thereon, each indicum corresponding with an associated action, and (b) a memory storing data associated with the

indicia and the associated actions, and wherein the reader has a touch sensitive membrane through which the indicia on an inserted card is visible and is selectable by a touch on the membrane, wherein the enabled action can be performed dependent upon at least one of insertion of the second card into the reader and selection of one of the indicia on the second card.

79. (Currently Amended) A base ~~smartcard~~ card of one or more associated member ~~smartcards~~ cards, wherein the said base smartcard card and the said one or more member smartcards forming cards form a group of ~~smartcards~~ cards, each of the said base and or member smartcard cards comprising memory storage having stored therein a common group number identifying the said group and a number identifying said smartcard the card, and each said member ~~smartcard~~ card comprising an interface for user interaction, wherein the said memory storage of the base smartcard card having further stored therein interface descriptions of each member ~~smartcard~~ card.

80. (Currently Amended) A member ~~smartcard~~ card associated with a base ~~smartcard~~ card, wherein the said base smartcard card and the said member smartcard forming card form a group of ~~smartcards~~ cards, each said of the base and or member smartcard cards comprising memory storage having stored therein a common group number identifying the said group and a number identifying the said smartcard card, and each said member smartcard card comprising an interface for user interaction, wherein the said memory storage of the base smartcard card having further stored therein interface descriptions of the said member smartcard card.

81. (Cancelled)

82. (Cancelled)